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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Emergency Planning of the Scientific Estimates Committee

REFERENCES : a. IAC-D-96/2, 3 April 1956
b. IAC-M-237, 17 April 1956, item 3 a

Introduction

1. Pursuant to the recommendation of paragraph IV, 2, e of Reference a, which was approved by the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) as recorded in Reference b, the Scientific Estimates Committee (SEC) submits its concept of an SEC wartime plan of operation. In the judgment of the SEC, this paper provides a framework for detailed planning to meet emergency situations under anticipated types of warfare.

Assumptions

2. The National Security Council (NSC) will continue to look to the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) for national intelligence advice and support under wartime conditions.

3. The IAC will continue to be charged with its present mission and functions under emergency conditions.

4. The present subcommittee-IAC relationship will continue.

5. The joint responsibilities of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense for the wartime conduct of clandestine activities are not within the scope of this paper.

SEC Wartime Mission and Functions

6. The SEC mission will remain within the framework determined by Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 3/4 (DCID 3/4), with the exception that production of NIS Chapter VII,

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"Scientific," is expected to be greatly curtailed under wartime conditions. Excluding those areas of responsibility assigned by DCID 3/4 to the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) and to the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC), the SEC will devote itself primarily to integration of scientific and technical intelligence contributions to national intelligence estimates and to coordination of intelligence with respect to foreign, chiefly enemy, technological developments.*

SEC Wartime Organization and Membership

7. The organization of the SEC will remain unchanged in a wartime situation except for the addition of such ad hoc representation as may be deemed necessary for the duration of the emergency by the regular committee members or by the IAC. For example, it is understood that the wartime director of scientific research in the national mobilization structure will be eligible for representation in the SEC.

SEC Secretariat

8. CIA will continue to provide the executive secretary and secretariat, which it will house at the CIA Relocation Center. The mission of the secretariat will remain unchanged.

SEC Meetings

9. The chairman will call SEC meetings as required to fulfill the committee's mission. The secretary will notify members of the time and place of SEC meetings through the respective duty officers of the SEC member agencies.

* See Annex for the SEC's present concept of its wartime mission.

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Vital Documents

10. The secretariat has ensured storage at the CIA Relocation Center of SEC vital documents, including SEC agenda, minutes of meetings, memoranda, reports, surveys, publications, agreed working papers, and draft contributions to national intelligence estimates. It will arrange for reproduction of such material as required for SEC use.

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Chairman
Scientific Estimates Committee

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ANNEX

EMERGENCY PLANNING OF THE
SCIENTIFIC ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

The SEC's Present Concept of Its Wartime Mission

Under wartime conditions the SEC will:

- a. Coordinate national intelligence on foreign, chiefly enemy, developments in science and technology as it contributes to our knowledge of enemy potentials, exploitable vulnerabilities, and intentions, with the proviso that designation of operational targets is not generally comprehended in this function, although specific exceptions may require SEC action. The SEC will be prepared to coordinate current scientific and technical intelligence within its purview, produce periodic and special reports on foreign, chiefly enemy, developments in science and technology, prepare spot evaluations as required, and make short-term projections.
- b. Integrate scientific and technical intelligence contributions to post-hostilities planning at the national intelligence level. This function will normally be fulfilled in compliance with IAC action.
- c. Provide scientific intelligence support within its sphere of responsibility to appropriate levels, including that of the wartime director for scientific research, in the national mobilization structure.

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